



TESTIMONY
of the
CONNECTICUT CONFERENCE OF MUNICIPALITIES
to the
PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

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The Connecticut Conference of Municipalities (CCM) is Connecticut's statewide association of towns and cities and the voice of local governments - your partners in governing Connecticut. Our members represent over 90% of Connecticut's population. We appreciate the opportunity to testify on the following bill of interest to towns and cities:

S.B. 130, "An Act Concerning Land Value Taxation"

CCM supports this bill.

S.B. 130 would allow municipalities to, by vote of its legislative body, establish a two-tier system of land taxation.

This bill would help municipalities encourage usage of existing structures, thereby promoting smart growth and sound planning decisions.

CCM urges the Committee to amend the bill to clarify, for municipalities that have town meetings, the Board of Selectmen would be the legislative body under this proposal.

Thank you.

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